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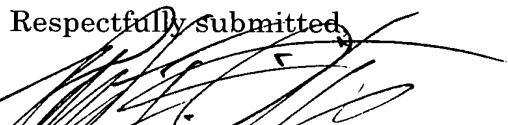
**REQUEST FOR COPY OF REFERENCE
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Sir:

In the Office Action dated December 5, 2003, each of claims 16-27 is rejected based, at least partially, on a newly cited "Sadashige ('449)" document. However, a copy of the Sadashige ('449) document relied on by the Examiner was not supplied with the Office Action mentioned above. Accordingly, it is requested that the Examiner (1) supply a copy of the Sadashige ('449) document to the undersigned, (2) formally make the Sadashige ('449) document of record by appropriately citing that document on a Form PTO-892, and (3) restart the period for reply to run from the date on which the copy of the Sadashige ('449) document is supplied to the undersigned pursuant to MPEP §710.06.

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